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No other vessels left this port for United States ports during the week under consideration.

At this date there are 5 American sailing vessels in this port, namely, the ship *Roanoke* put in for repairs, after collision, and bound from New York for Australia; the barkentine *Glad Tidings*, held here for repairs to injuries sustained on her voyage here from Baltimore; the barkentine *White Wings*, discharging cargo; the bark *Amy*, discharging cargo; and the bark *Julia Rollins*, also discharging cargo.

I mention the fact of these vessels being here at one time only because it is very unusual, and because I believe that one sailing vessel is more in danger of becoming infected with smallpox, yellow fever, or plague, than fifty or perhaps one hundred steam vessels. And this by reason of the fact that all these sailing vessels change to a considerable extent the make-up of their crews here, obtaining men here who have been "on the beach" here for longer or shorter periods; also because these vessels dock and the men all are allowed shore liberty, or if not allowed, take it and desert, or are taken back, and also because these men are not held to anything like the discipline, while in port, that obtains even on the poorest tramp under steam. The crews of steamers are never at any time of the year allowed ashore. This rule is strictly observed, and comparatively few changes in the crews of these vessels are made here.

However, as there has been but one case of yellow fever here during the past three weeks, the risk from that source is small.

Plague in Bahia.

The following notices of the spread of plague in Bahia have been received since my last report to your office:

August 17.—There were to-day 3 deaths from bubonic plague, of which number 2 occurred in the plague hospital. The use of serum, and of vaccination against plague is continued here on a very large scale.

August 18.—There were notifications received to-day of 4 new cases of bubonic plague in this city.

August 19.—There were to-day 3 more notifications of new plague cases in the city. Vaccination against plague is still continuing on a large scale. The governor of the State was vaccinated against plague yesterday.

August 20.—To-day 2 new cases of bubonic plague were entered at the plague hospital. Three deaths occurred in the same hospital. The number of vaccinations against plague increases daily. To-day 1 suspicious case was found at the Hospital Santa Isabel.

Yesterday 1 case of plague occurred in the family of a merchant of this city. The health department attempted to remove the case to the isolation hospital, but the attempt was resisted by the family. There was considerable disturbance in front of the house and one private of police was wounded. To-day, although there were many persons surrounding the house where the case occurred, the health inspectors could not find therein any person who was sick.

August 22.—Yesterday 2 deaths from bubonic plague occurred. To-day there were 3 more new cases of the epidemic disease.

Plague in Pernambuco.

August 20.—The inspector of hygiene informed the governor of the State yesterday evening that he had received notifications of 2 new cases suspected of being bubonic plague. A bacteriological examination of the cases was ordered to be made at once.

August 22.—Two young ladies died to-day in this city of bubonic plague.

I inclose certain newspaper clippings from Pernambuco and Bahia in reference to the localities where plague cases have occurred.